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1. PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES DATED DECEMBER 20 (AGENDA ITEM 11) DELIVERED EMBASSY JANUARY 14 WITH NO EXPLANATION FOR DELAY. U.S. DELEGATION PLANS NOTE LATE RECEIPT DOCUMENTATION FOR MEETING. KEY REVISIONS AND NEW ELEMENTS OF WORK PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS: A) SECRETARIAT ATTEMPTED STREAMLINE WORK PROGRAM BY REDUCING NUMBER OF PROJECTS FROM 16 TO 13 AND DELETING ITEMS COVERING COLLECTION, REVIEW AND DISSEMINATION INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL SUBJECTS FROM WORK PROGRAM SINCE THEY ROUTINE ACTIVITIES OF SECRETARIAT; B) PROPOSES DELETION STUDIES ON COMPARATIVE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS REPOEWAYS#VERSUS OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT; C) RECOMMENDS ADDING PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED SUBCOMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND AND FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC. FOR THIS ACTIVITY SECRETARIAT PROPOSES 25 MAN-MONTHS (MM) ESTABLISHED PROFESSIONAL POSTS (EP) AND 20 MM EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES (X-B) FOR 1974./75. WORK CONTENT TO INCLUDE STUDIES ON STANDARDIZATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF DOCUMENTATION FOR TRANSPORT, TRAVEL AND TRADE PREREQ-
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UISITES AND SPECIFIC SUBREGIONAL AND NATIONAL ARRANGMENTS FOR

THIRD PARTY RISK INSURANCE FOR AUTOMOBILES IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ARRANGMENTS AND FORMULATION OF NEW ARRANGMENTS WHERE CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

2. HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORT: A) SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THIS SECTION PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES HE REDUCED FROM THREE PROJECTS TO TWO BY CONSOLIDATING (INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORT) AND (HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORT) UNDER TITLLE (HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORT) ALSO RECOMMENDS CHANGING TITLE (URBAN TRAFFICE AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS) PROJECT TO (URBAN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS) FOR CONSOLIDATED (HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORT) PROJECT, SECRETARIAT PROPOSES 33 (MM) (EP) FOR 1974./UT OR AN INCREASE OF 14 MM ABOVE WORK PROGRAM FOR THE TWO HIGHWAY PROJECTS FOR PERIOD 1973/74. B) IN VIEW IMPORTANCE ATTACHED DEVELOPMENT FEEDER ROADS, SECRETARIAT INDICATES MAY REPLACE ITEMS INVOLVING: (1) COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT STATISTICS AND INFORMATION ON LOW COST MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLES FOR RURAL TRANSPORT AND (2) THE PROPOSED TRAINING COURSE-CUM WORKSHOP ON FEXIBLE PAVEMENT DEISIGN STANDARDS WITH STUDIES ON EVOLVEMENT OF SIMPLER METHODOLOGY OF PLANNING FOR INVESTMENT AND EVALUATION OF RURAL ROAD PROJECTS: IMPROVEMENT OF CAPACITY OF RURAL ROAD TRANSPORT: WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING EXISTING ANIMAL DRAWN VEHICLES AND A WORKSHOP ON ECONOMIC AND ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF FEEDER ROADS AND RURAL TRANSPORT.

3. PROJECT ON COLLECTION OF DATA ON URBAN TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MAY BE REPLACED WITH PROJECT ON TRAFFICE ENGINEERING AND HIGHWAY SAFETY MEASURES AND WORKSHOPS ON TRAFFICE AND HIGHWAY ENGINEERING.

4. RAILWAYS: SECRETARIAT RCOMMENDS COMBINING THREE PROJECTS IN THIS FIELD INTO ONE PROJECT TITLED DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS AND RAILWAY TRANSPORT.

5. COMMENT: WE FEEL THIS WORK PROGRAM SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS, BUT WE BELIEVE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED. WE PROPOSE TO COMMEND THE SECRETARIAT FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE DISCUSSION. KINTNE

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